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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3627PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/393,482 Group Art Unit No. 3627
Filing Date: September 10, 1999 Examiner: Teri Luu
Inventor: Jerry Chisnell
Title: REINFORCEMENT FOR A HOSE COUPLING

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY AND AMENDMENT TO AN OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinction of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 22, 2001, Paper No. 10, and the subsequent advisory action dated January 9, 2002, Paper No. 13, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the Claims 1, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A reinforced hose coupling defining [a crimp area] an area of peak crimp force of a predetermined longitudinal extent, said reinforced hose coupling comprising: